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### **Lauren Wentz Joins CVNPA Staff to Helm CVEEC**

**Peninsula, Ohio-** Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association is pleased to announce Dr. Lauren Wentz has joined the staff as the director of the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center.

“Lauren’s expertise in both natural sciences and education will continue the tradition of excellence we have established at the Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center,” said Chief Executive Officer Deb Yandala.

As the director of the CVEEC, Dr. Wentz oversees the center’s resident environmental education program, summer camp, day camp and special event programming. She also is responsible for coordinating the academic experience for the CVEEC’s field interns.

“I am looking forward to the opportunity to work with the young children who come through the CVEEC,” said Dr. Wentz. “By reaching children at this age, we will instill a sense of stewardship that will last throughout their lives.”

Dr. Wentz holds a Ph.D. in zoology from The Ohio State University, and undergraduate and master’s degrees in biology from the University of Akron. She taught biology and ecology classes from 1991 to 2003 at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, teaching biology to undergraduate non-science majors, ornithology, and field biology courses. Dr. Wentz served as dean of Arts & Sciences at Peninsula College in Port Angeles, Washington. She also has worked as a zoo educator and an Ohio State Parks interpretive naturalist.

Dr. Wentz has strong interests in communicating science to the public, citizen science, farm-based education and promoting public stewardship of and engagement with Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

CVNPA is a nonprofit, membership-based organization working in partnership with the National Park Service to provide innovative education and foster community support of Cuyahoga Valley National Park. For more information on CVNPA please visit [www.cvnpa.org](http://www.cvnpa.org).

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